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SUBJECT: NAFPP WORKSHOP AT IITA AUG 15-17

1. SUMMARY: IITA MAKES ITS LONG AWAITED PRESENTATION OF ITS PROGRAM FOR THE NAFPP TO STATE AND FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS. THIS PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY VIEWED AS NIGERIA'S BEST OPPORTUNITY TO REVERSE A DECLINING PERFORMANCE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. HOPEFULLY THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKSHOP WILL BE A FORMAL ACCEPTANCE BY THE FMG OF THE NAFPP IITA PROPOSAL.

2. PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL 19 STATES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GATHERED AT THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (IITA) CONFERENCE CENTER TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSED AGRO SERVICE SYSTEM ON MONDAY AUGUST 15 FOR THE THREE DAY WORKSHOP. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM WOULD FORM THE CORE OF THE EFFORT CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL ACCELERATED FOOD PRODUCTION PROGRAMME (NAFPP) TO EFFECTIVELY REVOLUTIONIZE NIGERIAN FOOD PRODUCTION BY MAKING ALL NECESSARY FARMING SERVICES AND INPUTS MORE CONVENIENTLY AVAILABLE TO ALL FARMERS. IDEALLY THEY WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL NO MORE THAN

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10-20 KMS TO ACQUIRE AT REASONABLE PRICES THE FERTILIZER, IMPROVED VARIETIES OF SEEDS, FARM TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE THE SHORTAGE OR LACK OF WHICH CURRENTLY CONSTRAINS THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. CREDIT, MARKETING AND EDUCATION FACILITIES WILL BE NEWLY PROMINENT AMONG THE AGRO SERVICE CENTER OFFERINGS.

3. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF IITA, DR. WILLIAM GAMBLE WELCOMED THE VISITING MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS STATE MINISTRIES AND COOPERATIVE GROUPS AND TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, MR. OLURUNTOBA, THE FORMAL DOCUMENT OF THE NAFPP.

4. THE LONG AWAITED PRESENTATION CULMINATED THREE YEARS OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BY IITA OF THE ACCELERATED FOOD PRODUCTION PROGRAMME CURRENTLY VIEWED BY MANY AS NIGERIA'S FOREMOST OPPORTUNITY TO REVERSE THE DECLINING PERFORMANCE OF ITS AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

5. THE WORKSHOP WILL CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE AGRO SERVICE SYSTEM, CHOOSING BETWEEN A BASIC CENTRALIZED AUTHORITY UNDER A FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED HEAD OFFICE, OR A DISPERSED AND AUTONOMOUS STATE LEVEL ORGANIZATION OPERATING UNDER FEDERAL GRANTS AND MONITORING. PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IS ENVISIONED AS POSSIBLE UNDER EITHER SYSTEM. GENERAL PREFERENCE OF STATE OVER FEDERAL CONTROL SEEMED DESIRABLE TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, CONTRARY TO THE COURSE SUGGESTED BY THE PROGRAMME'S DEVELOPERS.

6. FORMAL STATEMENTS OF THE WORKSHOP'S OUTCOME WILL BE STATED AT THE CLOSE OF THIS SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17.
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